

Net Neutrality is one of the most important assets we have for the future of democracy and freedom. It must not be sacrificed for profit motivated interests. The profits of a few (or even large enterprises) can never serve the interests of the whole world public like a free and open internet. It would be UNJUST to allow private interests to limit access to the internet in any manner. That all people are now equal on the internet is a major world achievement which must not be lost! Lowell Hayes

—Lowell Hayes, Valle Crucis, NC

Tom Wheeler - you will be the Benedict Arnold of the 21st century if this passes under your watch. Absolutely no good will come of this proposal to attack what should be an inalienable right, and you know it. It's despicable that this has even come as far as it has.

—Brian Lucas, Tinley Park, IL

Net neutrality spurs innovation in the important technological industry. Seeing as nothing will be gained by stopping net neutrality by the general public (only a small number of large corporations will benefit), net neutrality should continue.

—Coryelle Pondy, Columbia, SC

Save the internet from being bought from the highest bidder! Free access for all!

—Ewallner1000@gmailcom Wallner, Alexandria, VA

Fair and equal service to all, for all.

—N Kern, Brooklyn, NY

Its about the bureau's and administrations and institutions and all the rest of this big administration acting as parent to all the little people and doing as they wish with no regard for what the American people want. The American people will only stand for so much and now that currency is printed, created at will on the backs of American labor theres no need for tax dollars to make the call, but we dont need to stand for socialistic rule and wont have it. Keep the internet and everything it stands for.

—David Charles, Pac Pal, CA

Because I teach English at a Community College in WV, net neutrality is essential for me and my students to do research with very, very, limited resources.

—Lisa Brewer, Summersville, WV

My livelihood depends upon a free and open internet, unfettered by the necessity of paying extra to reach my customers due to restrictions by providers. Help keep our economy's recovery on track by supporting net neutrality.

—Matthew Broyles, Fort Worth, TX

Everybody deserves the same rights to internet access. There should be no fast or slow lanes. I'm tired of being treated like a second class citizen because I am not rich. The discrimination between the have and the have-nots has grown significantly in many areas of day to day life. Please do not let that happen with internet.

—Lori Mulvey, Comstock Park, MI

I live in rural Idaho. Our connection to the state and federal government news and information comes from internet. I do not trust bureaucrats or CEO's to make my news and information decisions for me.

—Nita Musick, Grangeville, ID

Dear FCC, I do not agree with Chairman Wheeler's proposed two tier Internet. There can be no fast lanes on the Internet. Anyone who enters the internet economy should have equal access to consumers. Speed is everything in this age, unless we reclassify ISPs as common carriers, the small businesses and startups that use the internet will be guaranteed to lose against established giants of the industry that already have money to buy their way to people's computers and smartphones.

—Joseph DiZoglio jr, East Greenwich, RI

Dear fcc.Net neutrality must reman in firm place and be protected at all cost if not the net will be completely ruined and most likely the countries economy will follow suit if you allow this it will be your fault for being such a pussy greedy bastard for sucking companies dicks yep if you allow this your no better then a company dick sucker you will forever be known as that.Tom wheeler is a giant douchbag pussy company dick sucker that loves to bend over for giant corps.If verison especially starts taking full control of the net i'll definitely discontinue my contract with them and i'm sure many others will follow by discontinuing their contracts and watch as verison goes down the shitter.I hope the country crumbles if this is allowed to happen this is total bull grow a dang backbone and quit kissing up to companies.I'll also cancel my net if this crap is allowed cause what is the point if it's going to be slower then a turtle.Also might i mention computer sales with the average net user will most likely plummet big time.

—Chris, valley mills, TX

Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. Controlling what data is available, and to whom is a form of censorship that will have severe consequences.

—Maeraj Sheikh, Ames, IA

The country shouldn't be controlled by special interest groups. Eliminating Net Neutrality will kill the internet as we know and use it. We don't need another victory for cooperate america, we need a victory for "we the people".

—Terry Jenkins, Hagerstown, MD

Because an informed public is an intelligent public, and an intelligent public is a better tax base.

—Bill Bendelow, Brooklyn, NY

Show America that the government still cares about protecting freedom not enabling companies to make money off it's citizens. Keep Net neutrality.

—John Rosales, oak forest, IL

Dear sirs, Do not allow cable companies and their lobbyists to steal the internet from the citizens of the United States.

—John Keyser, Nobleboro, ME

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to ensure the freedom, versatility, and access we have come to accept, appreciate, and rely on. Do the right thing.

—Daniel Conklin, Largo, FL

Mr. Wheeler, I was very disappointed to read about the plan you are pushing that I feel would only create online discrimination by hurting those of us on fixed incomes. I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality, which in today's world is truly a necessity. Please do the right thing. Sincerely, Georgine Robertshaw

—Georgine Robertshaw, Summit Hill, PA

No way for any discrimination online! Fcc, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers Protect Net Neutrality for al of us !

—Janice Killian, Des Mines, IA

Net Neutrality couldn't be more important. So much of the Internet we access is free resources and information websites with low overheads. How can these kinds of sites compete with large companies in a bidding war on bandwidth? Ending Net Neutrality will ruin the Internet for everyone and allow companies with more money to monopolise their markets. In support of small businesses and the interest of equal opportunities and anti-discrimination do not allow a proposal that jeopardises this.

—Rose Mckee, Lancaster,

No fast lanes. Everyone deserves an open internet. Simple as that. Don't ruin it for everyone.

—Aaron Finch, Swansboro, NC

Hello I feel that net neutrality is of importance because I value community, small business and more diverse information that a tiered commercial service. I would like to suggest also that the FCC change its current rules and instead reclassify ISP's and common carriers.

—Karl Jensen, Wellington,

Equal Internet accessibility should be considered a basic human right. People over profit, humanity before corporations. Please put people first. Thank you for accepting comments.

—Judy G Driggers, Mint Hill, NC

PLEASE keep Net Neutrality by reclassifying all ISP's as common carriers. We do not want corporations deciding who can view what on the internet.

—Sheila Barnes, Hawthorne, FL

keep the net free its not for the elite!

—Blake M Conroy, Sparks, MD

Everyonethe same public libraries, right? In turn, shouldn't everyone travel the same information highway? Is there no longer a government entity that regulates the operation of this somewhat public utility?

—Geoffrey Gannon, Fayetteville, AR

Hello- I feel larger companies will squeeze out smaller and innovative companies, using their privileged (speed-wise) position to suppress good ideas. Marty Durkin, Milton, MA

—Martin Durkin, Milton, MA

Isn't there enough discrimination against those of us who aren't fortunate enough to be wealthy in this country? Please, please, please serve the common good for a change, rather than the special interests of those who can afford to buy government regulation. Net Neutrality is important to me because it keeps the world of the Internet open to all of us. Yes, to many it is just recreation. But the educational aspects will be negatively affected by the rules proposed by Mr. Wheeler. There are millions of people counting on the FCC to do the right thing here.

—Larry Mann, Lakeland, FL

The internet is not broken. Please do not try to "fix" it.

—Chris Sullivan, Los Angeles, CA

Don't let companies slow down internet access and increase profits at the same time

—Mike Bresser, Merrill, MI

Internet service providers should be reclassified as common carriers. To do otherwise puts individuals, small businesses and DEMOCRACY ITSELF at a disadvantage compared to the interests of large, wealthy corporations. This impedes progress on a broad front. Broadband internet service is fundamentally and obviously a part of the commons, just as telephone service is, and should be classified as such.

—David Leibowitz, New York, NY

Net neutrality is absolutely essential to the American way of life, to insure continuance of the country's intrinsic pursuit of freedom as one of the cornerstones of our democracy. Net neutrality promotes the enhancement of: Freedom of thought, Freedom to promote a fertile exchange ideas, and the Freedom for a "level playing field" for ALL irregardless of wealth, position or power.

—John Sturgeon Professor, Baltimore, MD

Free press is a fundamental American value that unfortunately we find ourselves enjoying less and less of. More and more I am turning to international sources to find out what is really happening since I can no longer rely on US news media.

—Karen Graham, SF, CA

I strongly support net-neutrality. Please do not allow this plan to be implemented.

—Mark Zeravica, Hawthorne, FL

The concept of a multi-tiered internet, with the ability for providers to cater to the wealthy and effectively punish lower income customers is unacceptable. With the internet rapidly becoming a desired source for services which not only include online shopping, but also media consumption in the form of newspapers, radio and television, it is imperative that everybody be treated on an equal footing. One rule, one policy for all, true net neutrality is the only viable option. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to ensure that everybody has fair access to the internet.

—Paul Gillanders, Delta,

The internet must be free and uncensored by anyone.

—Gary Kitzis, Woodbury, NY

I am a dual US and Panamanian citizen by virtue of my birth in Panama to American parents, lived about half of my life in the United States and from Panama run a small website with many of my readers in the USA. The fight for freedom of the press is worldwide, but in Latin America we have certain things that people in the States may not be used to. In Panama we have fought off attacks on websites by the recently departed administration, and promises to "ban malicious websites" by candidates from the dictatorship era. ALL Latin Americans can look to Cuba, not through Miami exile lenses but as it is, and notice how the Castros censor the Internet. Cubans wanting to see a website that the government does not want them to see find that the download speed for those publications are slowed to the point of impossibility. So are you going to give corporations that don't know or care anything at all about Panama the ability to block Americans from seeing Latin America's perspectives on the news, our culture, the concerns of Americans living here and so on? Are the warnings that US investors ought to get about the various predators of many nationalities laying in wait for them if they do business here going to be blocked? That sort of blockage is what a fast lane for the Internet ultimately means. It's a disgusting, totalitarian idea. Make the Internet a common carrier with no discrimination, not only for the American people, but as an important attribute and tool for US foreign relations.

—Eric Jackson, Antón,

As the owner of a website I do not want to have access slowed by unfair manipulation of internet traffic

—Ernest Larson, Jesup, GA

Net neutrality is essential to the Freedom of Speech we are guaranteed. Money should not be able to buy better service and more ads.

—Martha Matsuda, Berkeley, CA

PLEASE PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY! Democracy depends upon freedom of information! ISP's ought to be common carriers!

—Eric Karn, St. paul, MN

Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service and preserve net neutrality. The internet is the way it is now is an invaluable resource to all. By allowing large companies to control what is posted online is a clear violation of freedom of speech.

—Lindsey Harvey, Maple Valley, WA

how much more are you gonna take from the people?

—Patricia Donnelly, seattle, WA

1. It's none of the FCC's business; keep your laws off my communications. 2. It fosters INEQUALITY and ELITISM and is thus un-American, 3. We're already on the slowest internet in the World, and you want to slow us down further? No.

—R Roth, Cleveland, OH

The Internet belong to everyone and not just people with more money and power!

—David, Westminster, CA

To the FCC, Please maintain Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is the last source to keep democracy in this country, without net neutrality you will allow discrimination in favor of corporations who provide internet service. If the Supreme Court can rule corporations as people, than no two-tiered Internet is justified. If we are all people all must be equal.

—Mr. Jenny Takakura, los angeles, CA

Money and Power should not be able to control how we use the Internet!

—David, Costa Mesa, CA

The end of Net-Neutrality will be really bad for all normal people, and will make the internet less useable. It will change the internet in ways people dont realize now. Please, do not go ahead with this idea, it is not good. And you will be responsible for everyone's internet use, and freedom, forever. Its you guys' responsibility to make the right decision on this.

—Michael Skramstad Johnson, Lillehammer,

This is not fair and people in lower income brackets like myself who use the net to finish and further their education to become productive members of the great nation are being penalized! Unacceptable!

—James Leonard Tillotson Jr, Dallas, TX

How is Internet not a utility? Do the right thing. Capitalism demands it. However, I suppose if you're already bought and paid for, we need to replace you.

—Ashley Musick, Middleton, ID

Keep freedom of speech - Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and maintain net neutrality.

—Samantha Coughlin, Astoria, NY

The FCC's proposed destruction of Net Neutrality as we know it is more than a simple concern. It is nothing short of a social and economic catastrophe that caters to the monopolistic tendencies of corporate America that are in direct violation of the tenants upon which our anti-monopolistic laws are based. Any Chairman that would allow such a plan to be enacted (much less support it), deserves more ire and scorn than I have words for. Under no circumstances should this plan be put into effect. The fact that an agency of the federal government is behind a plan that will benefit absolutely none of the American public that make up that government screams of corruption and hypocrisy. I refuse to sit idly by while my government is bought out by greedy corporations looking to bend (or demolish) rules to stretch profits. I stand united with the millions of other Americans who have taken up the cause of saving Net Neutrality because it's a right we will fight to protect.

—Daniel Cronin, Alton, NH

Please do not discriminate against me. The internet should be equal to all. Fast and slow lanes should not exist within the web.

—Joshua Irvin, Sacramento, CA

Your proposed rules on "Net Neutrality" would only benefit so few and swindle so many. All Internet Service should be treated equally and not become a monopoly.

—Andrew Cuzick, Elkhart, IN

Net neutrality is essential to our democracy. Fight for it!

—Jennifer McNulty, Davenport, CA

Data providers (i.e. Comcast, Verizon, AT&T, Time Warner Cable, etc) should not be able to pick winners and losers over the internet. The proposal by the FCC would do just that where the data providers can dictate how much it will cost to play their game. This is against free market and American values. Keep all companies on a level playing field on the internet. Prevent companies from favoring their own content (Comcast with NBC and Verizon with Red Box). The creativity on the internet is a triumph of America and is our biggest competitive advantage in the world stage. Let's protect this and cement this position by enacting true net neutrality. Classify all of these data providers as Telecommunications companies and enforce true net neutrality.

—Jeffrey Caniglia, Jersey City, NJ

Access to the internet needs to be a fundamental human right.

—Brooke Hall, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is important to people who need the internet and can barely afford the internet already. If there is no Net Neutrality then internet will be too slow to work with and too expensive to buy. Please stop and reconsider what you're doing.

—Elizabeth, Madison, NJ

I believe all people who access the web should have unfettered access to information, without giving internet service providers preferred access/speed that costs more.

—Burton Thelander, Godeffroy, NY

Preserve our democracy of we the people of the United States! We the people need net neutrality if we are to survive as a democracy!

—Robert Van Kolken, Grand Rapids, MI

If you pass this law, everyone loses except for the billionaires who own the cable companies. No decent person who is out for the common good as opposed to lining their own pockets would ever vote against net neutrality.

—Matthew James Curtice, Hilliard, OH

Do your job, Tom Wheeler. How can you look at the broadband infrastructure across this country today and believe a word of what AT&T, Comcast, and the like are telling you about their fast lanes "bolstering competition." Internet service providers today abuse the word "competition" and are trying to convince the public that a monopoly with the power to nickel and dime both consumers and companies for services they already pay for is somehow creating a more competitive marketplace. We both know this is not the way to a competitive America. Please uphold net neutrality and change the classification of broadband providers to that of a utility.

—Nicole Tilly, Seattle, WA

Net belongs to everyone equally irrespective of financial status.

—Muzammil Syed, San Antonio, TX

Chairman Tom Wheeler has a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests.

—Julie Jodock, Bothell, WA

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—Jerry Jodock, Bothell, WA

As a senior citizen, I am very concerned about the end of Net Neutrality. So much of what I do and how I gather news, learn about community events and stay current depends on free and easily available internet access. It seems to me that by implementing the proposed changes once again there will be a discrepancy between the haves and have nots. Who will decide whose useage takes precedence? Whose needs are more important? The internet will become a luxury many folks will be unable to afford. The ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers!

—Judith O'Shea, Fayetteville, NY

So that the internet remains on equal footing for all, it is essential that it remains a level playing field. To create a two-tiered system is against the very idea of the internet.

—Tim A, Arvada, CO

I don't want a future where we will be out-gunned by well-funded individuals and network corporations who have the means to take advantage of Internet fat-pipe high speed rail while the rest of us have no choice but to huff and puff on low budget dial-up rickshaws. The stratification of the Internet could very well be in our future and there's no way ordinary people like us, the 95% of United States citizens will benefit. Please cast aside your plans for "paid prioritization" and reclassify Internet Service Providers as telecommunication companies under Title II.

—David Steele, Signal Hill, CA

I urge that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers. The internet is not cable TV; its accessibility is much more crucial to our progress.

—Angel Mancebo, Kissimmee, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because it helps fuel innovation, growth, and the spread of ideas and culture. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carries to insure that we have a fair, open internet.

—James Lewis, Towson, MD

This whole proposal is just going to backfire horribly. Cable companies are going to lose catastrophic amounts of money from these fraudulent business practices!

—Elijah Dickerson, Shorewood, IL

It would not be fair for those with higher income to have access to more information than those with lower incomes.

—Lisa Wisniewski, Scheller, IL

Where does the greed end? Is there nothing that people can simply pay for and enjoy? Why must there always be more? Why must there always be a caveat? FCC, Mr. Wheeler: show that you have some morality and halt these efforts to control and profit off of every aspect of society. This is clearly a loophole that has been made to make another dollar off of the common people and it is sickening. Make your decision carefully. We are watching and we will remember.

—Andrea Brzezinski, Gulfport, MS

Dear People, I would like to ask you to overturn your current rules regarding the internet, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet Free and accessible for All! Thank you, Debra Stretch

—Debra Stretch, Sebastopol, CA

Because its not fair for me, who pays for online, to be limited to internet options and information, its a violation on my first amendment right . And, its not right for those who uses the internet for small businesses who can't afford the fees . Have some common courtesy to everyone who uses the internet and leave Net Neutrality alone .

—Chris Trigg, Manchester, NH

We need net neutrality, not some "oversight" that is really a nod and a wink at the broadband buddies of Tom Wheeler. We need a free and open internet not a capitulation to the big business giants!

—Margaret R Crockett, San Luis Obispo, CA

Net Neutrality levels the playing field. The internet should be a neutral playing field.

—David Satkowski, New York, NY

The FCC needs to reclassify broadband providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act, and put in place rules that prevent special interests from privileging the flow of some data over others. Protect NET Neutrality!! Please!!! I think it's a free speech issue too!

—Theresa Shovlin, Baltimore, MD

It all began with the end of the Fairness Doctrine in 1987 during the Reagan administration. The FCC acted irresponsibly in that case and has never made any attempt to regain its credibility. The US continues on its road to censorship. Keep going, guys.....you'll make the US a third world country yet. As a retired government employee I am continuously amazed by the number of government employees who have forgotten; if they ever knew; who they work for.

—Carlos L'Dera, Bakersfield, CA

Dear FCC, I strongly oppose the suggested rules to eliminate net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is the last great public forum, where people can share freely and on equal terms. Please do not work to destroy this critical freedom. Best, Rachel Brenc

—Rachel Brenc, Plainfield, IL

It has been said that independent news is vital to a democratic society. The same is true of the Internet. We need to maintain net neutrality.

Thank you Chuck Eddy ceddy@kih.net

—yChuck Edd, Lexington, KY

America is suppose to be the land of the free. What happen???

—Amanda Abney, Port Hueneme, CA

Net neutrality is essential for American economic health and vitality and freedom of speech. It's essential.

—Allison Tripp, Richfield, MN

Your proposed rules benefit only corporate media and you know it. For once will a regulatory body designed to benefit the people please do so You are supposed to be protecting we the people and not inventing new ways for corporation to profit. Please just stop. You are a citizen of this country, too. Your children will have to use a corporate ruled internet that only benefits a few CEO's. Pleas just stop!

—Ms. lucia Jennings, West Covina, CA

I'm usually not one to take political action, but this is an issue that lies so close to my heart that I feel like I have to say something. I feel like Wheeler's plan is everything that is un-American by creating a discriminating system for both companies and customers.

—Katherine Wong, RESEDA, CA

The internet is special because it allows people of all classes the opportunity to express themselves. Please do not allow ISP's to gain the advantage and take control just because they have purchasing power.

—Ken Fleischer, Lake Worth, FL

Net neutrality is the backbone of free and neutral internet as we know it. Don't let internet providers dictate their law and do as tyrannical governments do in countries like Cuba and North Korea. Don't let them discriminate towards those that don't have the money to pay for what they would want us to pay. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Amarillys Taylor, Saillon,

The internet is fine the way it is, it does not need to become two-tiered. Remember the national anthem of the United States of America. Look at the resistance to these proposed rules that clearly laugh in the face of said anthem.

—John Paul Troy Cooke, Edmonton,

Please do not implement FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's current plan that will end Net Neutrality. The consequences of this action would be far reaching and have a negative impact on our Country for the foreseeable future. Do not reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Duncan MacKinnon

—Duncan MacKinnon, Reno, NV

Giving special treatment to large corporations by way of faster internet speeds is wrong. This cripples the efforts of small businesses and the public at large when it comes to getting our own web sites and business needs met. I am sick and tired of big business and BIG MONEY stripping us of our rights. Corporations are NOT people. And WE THE PEOPLE demand Net Neutrality!!!!!!!!!!!!

—Eran Afner, Seattle, WA

Dear FCC, I'm Jeffrey Cassianna and I live in San Ramon, CA. Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) should treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed. The Internet is important to me because, as an employee of a large technology company and an avid consumer of products sold on the internet, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that my customers and I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there's no way that I will be able to compete or succeed. I urge you to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Jeffrey Cassianna 8280 Saturn Park Drive San Ramon, CA 94582

—Jeff, Concord, CA

There's already enough discrimination in the world between the rich and the poor - don't add to it.

—Donna Rodgers, Prestonpans,

Net neutrality is important to me because the proposed discriminatory policy is not only wrong (for a variety of reasons), but will also stunt the intellectual, cultural, and economic growth of our country.

—Max Ungar, Pittsburgh, PA

Internet service is too high already. Allowing Internet Service Providers chose content destroys free speech. People shouldn't have to pay extra fees on top of a high subscription fee to see content placed on the internet. Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers. Let's make it fair for everyone.

—Tara Vinson, Chicago, IL

Classify ISPs as common carriers. I am tired that my service providers slows down my internet when I visit certain sites.

—Lydia Johnson, Chicago, IL

The free speech idea comes into play here; speed differences will give power to some entities while denying it to others. Think of the role the Internet has played in spreading truth by allowing anyone brave enough to publish news about what they see and hear happening so that world opinion can bring it weight onto overbearing governments and other issues. Please don't change net neutrality and let the Internet become another tool dominated by big business and wealthy users.

—Donald J. Bergman, Bremerton, WA

this is and important tool for everyone! Taking it away so sudden would be wrong and stupid. I feel like we're fighting for a home, a home that can provide entertainmant,promote talents and help the world. Doing this is horrible, and to have the guts to put it all in lanes? I beg you pardon. From a 15 year old. (sweden)

—Sulub mohammed youseff, Stockholm,

We, the People Own those types of communication lines that are threatened by a loss of my current rights to Internet Neutrality! Our taxes were written off on this technology. I demand I have a say in my assets! I am a tax payer, a property owner and I do not want some more extra costs on my life. Tom Wheeler is NOT MY REPRESENTATIVE! I am not happy with this corporate droid! He is a corporate shill and I want no part of this man! I DEMAND INTERNET NEUTRALITY! if this be treason, let us make the most of it! bob manke! american!

—Robert Manke, Des Moines, IA

We need net neutrality so that all the people who want to help people (non-profits, do-gooders, researchers, etc.) can have equal access to this tool (the internet) that allows them to continue their work in an efficient manner. I'm involved with a non-profit that does tax returns for lower income people. It may not sound like much but our software is cloud-based and the drop in speed will mean less returns if the internet is not kept neutral. Please, FCC, classify ISPs as common carriers so you can insist on net neutrality.

—H Sadowiczak, Wilmington, DE

A "fast lane" internet stifles competition and innovation, while fostering bureaucratic waste and mismanagement. Net Neutrality gives everyone an equal voice, one of the foundation principles of a democracy. Please support the ongoing prosperity of our country by supporting Net Neutrality.

—Leo Dauenhauer, Estacada, OR

Chairman Wheeler, please protect the internet for all Americans. I kindly ask you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There should be no discrimination on the internet I am asking you to protect Net Neutrality for all. Best Regards, Kimberly Parks 513-504-3838

—Kimberly D Parks, New Richmond, OH

It is simply not right to allow companies to discriminate any further than they already do.

—Natasha, Toronto,

Please do not pass this bill. We have an obligation to keep the internet free, open and unadulterated by private interests.

—Kevin Klein, West Hollywood, CA

The internet is the people's medium. Corporations and moneyed interests already control most media and the content of what people are exposed to. Please keep the playing field level for the rest of us this time. Thank you!

—David Gruenewald, LakeForest Park, WA

I think these rules are bias, and only intend to benefit the wealthy. I am against the proposed rules!

—Randall Cooke, Iron Station, NC

This is wrong the internet should not e for only the rich it should be for everyone. As a disable mother and grand mother I find this so hard to understand why are we going to be left out because we can not afford to pay the high price. That would mean our kids, our grand kids and our foster kids will have to be left out and to us this is wrong. Why is it always the people who work hard that get left out and have to pay the price. I did NOT ask to get hurt on my job as a CNA in 2004 I loved my job and was heart broken when I couldn't work any more so if this happens than I will be once again be punished and yes I mean punished. So please don't let these company's take over the internet it is free and that i how it should be for every one no matter how much your bank account has in it.

—Cathie Summers, Dundee, FL

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—Wendell Summers, Dundee, FL

The Internet was originally a taxpayer-funded resource, indispensable to today's lives, that all people should access equally.

—Geoffrey Glibas, San Jose, CA

The small websites that I need to read for my work will be much slower and cost me time in my small business that I could use to develop the business. The elimination of net neutrality means the ability of US corporations to censor the Internet the way that the Cuban government censors it, by making the download speed of websites they dislike impossibly slow.

—Jozef Timmers, Chicago, IL

This is stupid I pay enough money to have the internet and they already have different prices for slow and fast internet we don't need anymore. If you do this you will fall by the hands of Jesus. This is how I communicate with my friends and family. wow some people are so greedy and think they need to make more money

—Martha Taylor, Redding, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me and everyone I know; it allows for so much of what makes the internet the wonderful thing it is. The threat to net neutrality is a big issue and I think it should be preserved to allow the internet to keep growing and being a place where everyone is welcome and equal.

—Tamara Devitt, nanaimo,

Dear FCC, Selling bandwidth to the highest bidder is one more step against ensuring freedom of access to all. I compare this act to restricting access to particular books in the library. I already can't wait until we get more providers like Google Fiber or any other options besides Comcast and Century Link - we are backwards relative to the rest of the world when it comes to bandwidth - 10gb lines at NTT in Japan - vastly more liberal access rules in Europe- we behave more and more like China every day when it comes to the web with our restrictive NSA minded policies and now you have been bought and decided it would be smart to sell the bandwidth to the highest bidder (Comcast/AT&T) - who already happen to own most of the set top box and content access applications along with 60+ percent of all content - what a brilliant idea! Time is money and you know that seconds are what days used to be - scooping a story is a matter of seconds now - who do you think will be scooping the stories going forward? Ted Wheeler - you have been bought and we all know it....Turn the Internet into a Utility or get ready to face the torches and pitchforks. Don Welty

—Don Welty, Portland, OR

As a deaf-blind person who relies on computer contact I want the net to stay equal. I consider the INTERNET to be an basic utility like the land line phone system that it is basically replacing. Dr. Shinager

—Christian Shinaberger, Santa Monica, CA

ISPs need to maintain their neutrality in the provision of content and net neutrality needs to be protected.

—Jeremy Langley, Llanfynydd,

I don't want to have information for projects/assignments restricted just because my ISP hates a certain website or group of people (republican, democrat, liberal, progressive, etc...). I don't want my ISP to throttle my 10 mb upload/download speeds just because I'm playing video games online..... I PAID FOR THAT SERVICE AND THEY THROTTLE ME BECAUSE IM PLAYING A GAME? THATS WHY I EVEN PAY FOR INTERNET IN THE FIRST PLACE! then they charge me up the ass for more service that may or may not be throttled. this sucks.... thats like selling someone a cupcake and slicing off the frosting just before they take a bite. ISPs should not have the power to take away parts of a service after we pay for it..... they should not have the power to charge websites more because they get more traffic.

—Sean Ausi, Shelby Township, MI

Net neutrality serves all the people, equally. The development of the internet is the most important advance in technology in today's world. It needs to remain an open channel for everyone.

—Barbara Temsamani, Capitola, CA

Dear FCC: Please abolish rules that allow ISPs to push back lower income users and organizations/companies from accessing internet at equal speeds. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers so we can all have equal access to information. Many of us users are startups, small businesses, freelancers and entrepreneurs who don't have a lot of money and the only way we can succeed in our businesses is with a neutral internet. Thank you.

—Steven Rose Jr., Woodland, CA

Differential access fees will inevitably restrict access. Do you honestly expect Comcast won't restrict access speed to websites that offer content also available through their cable television services? ISPs need to be considered common carriers.

—Nate Hanson, Oakland, CA

Will the wealthy again decide who gets decent internet service? Students and small businesses who rely on the internet suffer so that a handful of greedy people benefit while the rest of us struggle? Please stop this discrimination.

—Ramona Rhoades, San Antonio, TX

The site tells me to tell why net neutrality is important. Net neutrality is freedom. If i need you too tell why freedom is important then i'm probably wasting our time.

—Name, City,

Please keep the internet open and free for all providers. Also let any provider have access to any town or city.....

—Douglas m KROS, Green cove springs, FL

If net neutrality was to be dropped now it would most probably inhibit internet investment, significantly increase consumer broadband prices and enable the established IT giants to more-or-less lock the gates to new competitors by choking their access.

—Barry Sweeney, Dungloe,

net neutrality to me means internet freedom, Free Speech to have a voice without being silenced and to gain information and knowledge to enrich us all without censorship, its about Freedom.

—Daniel Kuipers, Burnie,

Saving net neutronality is crucial in the preservation of the democracy that we believe in. Giving companies the power to discriminate based on affordability, when we are talking about something as basic to democracy and human rights as communication, is like deciding that certain citizens, just because they're wealthy, have more rights than the rest of us.

—Maria Malaret, San Juan, PR

The United States of America needs to have net neutrality. Please for once, place the citizens over the corporations. This

—Ronald Legg, Jacksonville, IL

Net neutrality is plain common sense. America is supposed to be a land of equal opportunity - for its citizens and small businesses as well. In light of this, the FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the only way to ensure fairness for all Americans.

—Jennifer L Carey, Monrovia, MD

"Chairman Tom Wheeler has a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests."

—Elizabeth Jamieson, Fort Wayne, IN

The internet is a public utility and should be treated as one.

—Mr. Daniel Moore, Durham, NC

Net neutrality is critical to the future of democracy. Corporations and big money already control our political system--don't let them control the internet too.

—Kathy Levenston, Richmond, VA

I work from home and I don't need more cost to do my job, mind you I work for the government. Kinda funny how they want increase cost for me to a job for them. They need to look at all the reasons, not just \$. I pay enough for internet I don't need to pay twice. I know the Time Warner/Comcast companies just need a reason to double their already crazy prices. People can not live or make a living if we keep getting all these fees! Reclassify the ISP's now!

—Julie Soulia, Westmoreland, NY

If the ISPs decided that they didn't like some companies or products (apps), they could throttle the bandwidth that they use, to the ends of killing them off.

—Christopher R Juden, Portland, OR

Not everything should be for sale. The Internet can be a great leveler and a tool of democracy, but not if you have to pay to play for equal access. Corporate America is out of control and ordinary users of media and communications are paying the price, which keeps going up.

—Charlotte Dion, Brooklyn, NY

I own a small Mom and Pop business and rely on customers to find me through my web site. How will I be able to compete with large companies who will be able to afford net services I can not?

—Beth Woolley, Elberon, NJ

Another move to make the USA the equivalent of regressive countries, depriving citizens of freedom. Another win for big business controlling our lives!

—Dana Larson, Miami, FL

Keep the monopoly from limiting the internet speeds for profit.

—Joseph Keady, Dumfries, VA

The internet was paid for in the 50's, 60's, and 70's by the American taxpayer and does not need to be censored, we are not children even though this is a very patriarchal effort to treat us as such.

—Savannah Hawkins, Chicago, IL

The American people's best interest is in your trust. We may not know it or even care about it. But you know it. Every government employee knows it and it is your duty to defend us the the unknowing and uncaring. Your agency is not to be on the behalf of the current crop of carrier and content behemoths who speak the loudest, caring and spending the most . They will pass and we, the lowly users and the struggling creative startups will find our experience better or worse because of what you decide. Planes, trains, ferries, gas, electric - communications. How are these not to be held for the common good?

—Stephen Tracey, Fresno, CA

Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us.

—Ben Berry, New York, NY

The Internet needs to be equally available to EVERYONE! Forcing people to choose an ultimatum of paying extra for faster internet or being forced to settle for slow internet is wrong! The FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers!

—Zachary Welch, Tuttle, OK

America already has the worst Internet service among industrialized nations in the world, allowing the few coroporations that control the flow of content on the Internet to further restrict access to only those willing to pay extra for it will only make it worse. Further resitrictions on internet content and access will only make a few corporations richer and the whole country poorer.

—David Holstein, Arvada, CO

I believe keeping the internet accessible to all; that is same speeds and access to all regardless of the size of the sits wallet is critical to our continued growth economically and politically.

—Michael Kagan, NY, NY

Chairman Wheeler! You need to do the right thing for the American Public and reclassify the internet service providers as common carriers. Anything less is unacceptable. joe

—Joe Samples, Austin, TX

As a researcher, I rely on the fact that my students have more-or-less equal access to research resources, which are increasingly only available on the internet. Abandoning net neutrality will widen the already horrendous inequities in our society and reproduce them for generations. My encounters with activists and journalists from other countries have yielded two interesting observations about the U.S.: 1) the United States is a politically underdeveloped country and 2) Americans are the most educated but least informed people in the world. If we abandon net neutrality, these two statements will be even more true for more people in this country. Political freedom requires equitable access to information.

—Jackie Smith, Pittsburgh, PA

Allowing for fast and slow lanes on the Internet ends equal access and promotes discrimination of content.

—Bennett Brumson, Spencer, NY

Please do not take away the fundamental purpose of the internet - the free sharing of information. Regardless of who the source is; credible or not, this is not something that can simply be silenced. Most importantly, We can not give special privileges to those who are able to pay for 'enhanced service'. ISPs have a monopoly on the current market & this bill will ONLY benefit the few while doing a disservice to the many. If you take away our right to voice our opinions than the Unite States is no different from those 'civil rights violators' we continually wage war upon. Stand up for what is right - for the greater good & say no to the momentary boost in lobbyist money in order to ensure the characteristics that has made this country great. Thanks for listening

—Griffen Fargo, Burlington, VT

Please don't let Internet to become a kind of restricted, corporate-controlled world. Please do not surrender control of the internet to market forces.

—Elena DeBold, Catonsville, MD

the changes ISPs are now allowed to make to the Internet as we know it will plow under the level playing field that has allowed the richness of the Internet to flourish, and ultimately remove it as a social tool of any consequence.

—Emily Goldstein, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe everyone should be able to have high speed internet and whatever content is available on the internet. The internet is a free flowing source of information that can only be hindered by making it a two tiered system, and I would hate to have my kids grow up in a world where I have to say things like "I remember when.." in regards to Net Neutrality.

—Nicholas Stewart, Burlington, MA

Like millions of Americans today, I get virtually all of my news from the Net, depending on various small, independent news sources to provide intelligent accurate information I simply can't get from network TV news programs or the few surviving national newspapers. For nearly two decades I've been doing all of my work through the Internet, with a number of small businesses that can compete with larger corporations only because of Net neutrality. Over the years I've used the Net for research, as a creative outlet, to connect with other people who share my passions and interests, to explore the world or ideas and so much more. It is truly the most powerful tool of democracy in the world and it can only survive and thrive for the people it was designed to serve if it remains free and open.

—Dorothy Hoffman, Lansdowne, PA

I'm calling to urge the FCC to scrap its plan to allow Internet service providers to charge for preferential treatment. As an American college graduate and Business & Marketing major, I realize that the proposed rules are anti-competitive and anti-progress. Anything less than a reclassification of ISPs as telecommunications services is insufficient to restore real Net Neutrality

—Dominic King, New York, NY

Please protect net neutrality for the sake of democracy and freedom.

—William Rohde, Baltimore, MD

A two tier internet with a "fast lane" is effectively abandoning the principles that make the internet different from most other modern communications systems. If you've studied any history you understand that the market will quickly move to squelch competition discriminate against new companies not benefiting the established monopolies and with it we could bid farewell innovation. I know the Chairman of the FCC didn't appreciate Jon Oliver's dingo reference, but frankly there is no better description. Your proposal is deplorable and shows that you have abandoned your principles and sold out to the industry for which you lobbied. You should be ashamed. ISPs are common carriers. You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Eric Matthew Sundrup, Ann Arbor, MI

Because online discrimination is a crime. Freedom of information is the greatest freedom of all.

—DeAnna Kerley, Burlington, VT

Once upon a time in America, there was a concept called "the public good". Laws were passed, which enforced rules on the market place to ensure that the public good was upheld. This kept in check the excesses that are part of our version of capitalism, namely that profit is the highest good. Certain sectors of the economy were considered part of the infrastructure and were regulated to support the rest of the economy. Now, we have a system in which these infrastructure industries are now deregulated and have the ability to gouge the public by charging higher prices, give inferior services and generally make life more difficult for the average person. Internet Access is one such service. Certain forward-looking countries provide communication services to their citizens that are fast, inexpensive, and easy to access. This provides a foundation upon which the rest of commerce is conducted. The USA already suffers from inferior internet connectivity because we have left the development of the internet infrastructure to the market. If the principle of net neutrality is abandoned and the ISP oligarchy are allowed to impose their monetized version of the access, our country will suffer even more. As an internet entrepreneur, I oppose ending net neutrality. Not everything in our country should go to those who can pay the most. And this is what this proposal points to.

—Peter R. G. Small, Santa Fe, NM

The internet is one of the most important things that we use in our lives right now we use for school for work for our children if they make higher speeds more expensive and we get stuck with the slower speeds we will be in a big disadvantage and that's not fair. I don't want to go back to the old times where you're waiting 20 min to upload something when we live in a fast pace world there is no room to be waiting so please stop this and allow everyone to have fast speed internet with affordable prices

—Dannel Bisoño, Miami, FL

I know we throw around the phrase "freedom isn't free" a lot these days, but I'm pretty sure it doesn't mean big cable gets to buy out our ability to communicate freely via the internet. The cynical lobbying efforts of the major cable companies is dangerous to our constitutional liberties and should be opposed. The net should stay free and fast - open competition should be based on quality of service, not ability to restrict access. I oppose the two-tiered Internet, and support net neutrality and the reclassification of ISPs as common carriers.

—Mr. Jason Welle, Berkeley, CA

The internet is the most important communication and exchange medium EVER. Privatizing the net would effectively kill the only equal exchange communication medium there has ever been and cement the notion that corporations rule in the USA.

—Nicholas Brogren, Minneapolis, MN

My husband and I are retired and live in a rural area. We depend on the internet for news, connections to friends far away and shopping. The news rules would make all of this more expensive and more difficult for us. The internet as it is works fine for the millions of Americans, like us, who depend on it for so many things. Protect equality and keep the internet neutral so that everyone, not just the rich can benefit and enjoy its services.

—Jean Herzog, Sheboygan Falls, WI

To build a strong American society, it's important to keep the flow of information free and unrestricted. Net Neutrality ensures this by making sure large corporations can't influence that flow. Beholden to Wall St. and profit maximization, large corporations would be unequipped to moderate internet traffic in a fair way, and would indeed be incentivized to ensure the scales are tipped in their favor, to all our detriment. Please classify ISPs as common carriers, so we can avoid this mess altogether.

—Curt Hopmann, Mendota Heights, MN

As an independent phone app developer, I cannot possibly compete with established companies if I am in the slow lane, which means no innovation from me.

—Gregory Everitt, New York, NY

The internet needs to be open and free without this tier system. This only benefits the ISP's who can make more money from this and will prevent smaller companies from delivering content. This is not good.

—Shawn Frank, Holts Summit, MO

The future depends on free flowing information and commerce, not controlled by media companies, internet companies, or even big business. This is beyond important to the health of the Internet as a whole and the future! If this is allowed to pass it will fundamentally change the way the Internet functions and damage everything it has achieved in the process.

—Ethan Bonet, Columbia, MO

I do not agree with the FCC's proposed internet rules. In my opinion they abandon the notion of net neutrality and with it the idea that people can raise themselves up without the backing of large corporations. Thus ends the American dream and the dream of small businesses everywhere as we knew them.

—Jessica Horswell, Midlothian, VA

The internet has been integrated into the lives of hundreds of thousands of citizens as has TV and radio. I do virtually all my commerce on the internet and it has been an indispensable product for research on any topic. Currently I am involved in on line college courses. The importance of net neutrality cannot be understated, particularly to those people who may not have the resources to pay the funds the providers are hoping to extract from all of us who are not part of corporate America. I am retired and living on a fixed income. Forcing higher prices on me for avoiding slower speeds will just strangle my ability to continue on the net. I just cannot afford all the fees, taxes, corporate price rises forced on me. Also, internet providers are very aware long wait times for downloads are the cause of people leaving a web address. Slowing the internet down is their cash cow. Is it necessary to continue to extract every possible penny from consumers? How much is enough? This very action, based solely and unnecessarily on greed is exactly the kind of thing destroying this country and its citizens. Why would the FCC not see this or understand the implications enough to disallow net neutrality? I urge the FCC to stop a discriminatory proposition that would prevent access to a system that has become as important to the lives of citizens in this country as a telephone, TV or radio which, many people have to pay dearly for as well. Is it an FCC mandate to prevent as many people as possible from having access to information? Has the FCC become just another corporate tool allowing this corporate greed to continue? Consider the big picture. This country exists with the foot of corporate America standing on its throat. Protect the American public. They helped make this country great and have been decimated by the corporations who continue to destroy this nation. This ruling would be another step in that direction. Is that the purpose now of all government agencies?

—Everett Aubin, Cranston, RI

Please continue Internet neutrality. A 2 tiered system will be a disaster. Thank you

—Cathy Bonello, Hopkins, MN

Because I want a free and open internet, that allows everyone the same access.

—Amanda Walsh, Mandeville, LA

Imagine the profit Tim Berners-Lee could have made? We don't always have to sell our souls!

—Mr. J Ferry, Menomonie, WI

I can't believe you are siding with internet providers that make billions over the american people who you represent. what the fcc is proposing is NOT what the people want... its what rich businessmen want, which tom wheeler has been working with for years. and this is for the good of america ? this is for the good of the american people ?

—Sam Slitee, new york, NY

Net Neutrality is what makes my job as a videographer and visual effects artist easy. I have to meet deadlines and I CAN'T have these money-hungry leviathans sucking up my speed. I NEED net neutrality and you're our only hope. Please don't crush my passion with letting ISP's manipulate my internet. You asked for a response and let me tell you, America is responding.

—Anthony Cundro, Hazleton, PA

Proposed changes to the Internet are NOT in the best interest of ordinary citizens and erode one of our basic rights to free speech and information. DO NOT MAKE THESE PROPOSED CHANGES rather protect the rights of citizens vs. business and big money. Thank you,

Ruth Green

—Ruth L Green, Raleigh, NC

ISPs should be treated as utilities. ISPs should not be allowed to throttle the internet for specific users. I use the internet for streaming videos, streaming music, and for working at home. Sometimes my work requires me to upload / download large files. This legislation will affect both my work and recreational life. Please don't rule in favor of the big ISP companies. Please rule in favor of Net Neutrality. Thank you.

—Daniel Sprechman, Baltimore, MD

this plan is unfair. supposedly we live in a democracy. your plan is I democratic. do not do this

—Susan, Clinton, CT

The internet should be equal for all.

—Michael hael Fierst, Portland, OR

Please protect net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.

—Michael D Purdy, Staunton, VA

Chairman Wheeler and the FCC: stop selling democracy to the highest bidders. Treat all Internet traffic equally!

—Raji, Cambridge, MA

Dear Commissioners, I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose Chairman Wheeler's proposal, which threatens to destroy net neutrality as we know it. Striking down net neutrality risks to stifle one of mankind's greatest inventions – a free and open way to communicate with each other. We need more competition in the ISP industry, not less. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as Title II Common Carriers, and help end the monopolistic stranglehold that a few telecommunications companies have over our internet access. Sincerely, Mimi Torres

—M Torres, Berkeley, CA

I feed my family with the revenue generated from my online art school. The school is changing many lives for the better. We have a long list of testimonials to prove it. The equal bandwidth, content delivery speed and placement in search rankings that I receive has kept me from getting buried by the big companies. Favoritism of any kind that is given to big media companies is an extremely slippery slope. It betrays Ben Franklin's very vision of entrepreneurial equality country that has made our country great. America is currently losing it's middle class - the very backbone of our economy. The hope to save it is in the Fair, Open Web.

—Chris Oatley, Columbus, OH

We live in the information age. Net Neutrality ensures that I have access to information I need to be informed, to educate myself, and to enrich my life. Taking that away to benefit corporations is antithetical to my basic rights as an American. If you gave a Wal-Mart the right to build and maintain public roads, the roads leading to Wal-Mart would be pristine and the roads leading to other stores would be neglected. I am asking you to protect me from this; protect me and the rest of the public from being an intellectual casualty of corporate greed. Please protect Net Neutrality.

—Margaret Anne Bambenek, Winona, MN

Net neutrality is needed in order for the internet to continue to function in true free market fashion. Allowing ISP's to charge more for a "fast lane" will destroy small businesses that will not be able to compete with large established corporations. Internet access should be treated as a utility, like phone, sewage, electricity. Pay for what you use, not where you want to use it.

—James Gooding, Mountain Home, ID

Don't do it Tom - speak up for your fellow Americans!

—James W Steeves, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality is vital to our community. Please do not give corporations the ability to determine what data I am able to view or limit the sharing of information and ideas amongst citizens. isp's should be common carriers.

—Todd Spalt, Baltimore, MD

Corporate media gives me a choice between an inaccurate reporting of an incident or issue or no reporting. In a democracy I believe, as do millions of others, that I should be allowed to choose the source of my news. If there is no net neutrality, someone is going to be censoring my information and basically telling me what I should believe and do. If that can happen, can I tell you what you should believe and do? Throw out the FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Carol Schaefer, Carlinville, IL

As a student in College getting rid of net neutrality would be devastating to my studies. Why should I have lower loading rates on websites when im trying to collect information, find sources, etc? We might as well go back 40 years and start using books again to find all that information.

—Mackenzy, Glendale, AZ

I want a contemporary society that allows everyone the same chance to communicate openly. A tiered internet would limit commerce, communication and collective creativity. The tiered system is meant to assure economic success for a few corporations with the consequence of limiting the success of others with less capital.

—Joshua Hachmeister, Pecatonica, IL

The job of the broadband provider is to build and maintain a pipeline. That is all. Just like the pipes that deliver water to my home, or the wires that bring electricity to my house. The water and electric companies don't have any say in how I use the water or electricity.

—John M Powell, Salt Lake City, UT

Protect real Net Neutrality. A free and open exchange of ideas and information is the most important aspect of ensuring a healthy democracy. If you turn this power over to private industry you will be turning over a vital part of our society in the next century.

—Harry Conley, San Jose, CA

Keep the internet, as it was intended, to be an open, equally available source of communication and information. Every American should have the same access. Becky McGinnity

—Becky McGinnity, Fort Worth, TX

The Internet was developed through government research and public money. It should not be hijacked by monied corporate interests. Keep the Internet open and neutral. It is one of the lifelines of our democracy.

—Terri Prevost, San Diego, CA

Please re-classify - the internet is used as a means of communication and it should NOT be limited. This seems like a viscous ploy for companies to make more money and that is not representative of the country I want to live in.

—Erin L Horsey, Budd Lake, NJ

The internet is a public forum or "town hall" conceived of and developed with public funds. It belongs to all the people and you have no right to privatize access to it. By ending internet neutrality, you will begin a new censorship that will only benefit the richest and most powerful who can pay. Your job is to protect the American people who hired you in the first place and keep the internet access completely free Not sell to the highest bidder. The Internet is our democratic fourth estate of public information allowing for information exchanges necessary to maintain our democracy . Save Internet neutrality... a small attack on neutrality today will evolve into greater and greater encroachments in the future. Serve the American people who hired you, not the corporate interests trying to buy you. Reclassify ISP s as common carriers

—Norman, S.f., CA

A two-tiered Internet would further isolate and alienate the "99%" in favor of the "1" percent, thus contributing to the inequality that has so undermined our democracy and furthering cynicism toward government.

—Geoff Cole, Seattle, WA

The Internet does not belong to Internet Service Providers. It is part of our commons. We all build it, maintain it, and we must have equality and neutrality. ISPs should not be allowed to slow down web traffic, and give pass-through speed boosts to specific web sites who will pay a premium over other web sites with lower operating budgets. We already pay different prices for different speed tiers. But removing net neutrality will allow ISPs to come up with all sorts of pricing models that will give speed favoritism to the highest bidders, and make it more costly and difficult for low-budget groups, small businesses, and start-up companies to do business on the Internet. Between different news sites, there shouldn't be pages that load faster than others simply because ISPs are able to slow down the page load times on small budget sites who can't afford the same rates. Information should travel at the same speed across the board. The Internet has become our "information commons." We wouldn't allow our hospital's emergency rooms to create a skewed pricing model and give faster/better service to people who pay a premium, and make poor people wait longer because they can't afford premium services. People are treated on a scale of urgency in an ER, not given favoritism simply because they're rich. There are obvious ethical reasons why emergency services should be equal. The most important reasons to keep the Internet equal may seem less obvious, but everyone deserves equal treatment, every website deserves equal pass-through speeds. Let's not allow ISPs to create a skewed model of unequal treatment and favoritism to the highest bidder, simply because they feel like making more money.

—Von Kairos, Portland, OR

The proposed plan is completely against the spirit of the US Constitution!!

—Rahul Sarkar, AVON, IN

We need net neutrality to preserve the open internet

—Gareth Chen, San Jose, CA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—David Meserve, Arcata, CA

it's rather unconscionable to establish hierarchy's on the net, which will in fact lead to higher cost for the end consumers. They already charge an inordinate amount for a decent internet connection in this country; which currently is lacking far behind most countries on the planet. And we already paid millions, if not billions in taxes that funded research that initially established the internet. in a free and open society if we all come together to establish something then it should be free for everyone; not something we all pay for once and the private sector then thinks it's their God given right to take over and then charge us again for. it's the epitome of double jeopardy. keep the intrnet equal and nuetral!

—Brian Kloczek, Clinton, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. But we have a way to fight back: The FCC has opened up a comment period for us to weigh in on its proposal. Add your comment: Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Riley Leuthold, Jacksonville, FL

FCC - reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you.

—Harold J Elder, Ulster Park, NY

I am against discriminatory regulations that would allow the internet to be divided into "slow" and "fast" usage lanes. We don't have adequate service as it is, with Japan and other nations providing much faster service to all customers, America is lagging already. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. America relies on its small businesses to drive economic rebound, and small businesses rely on the internet!

—Dharma Girl, New York, NY

Free and equal access to information is important to a democratic society and to a society that upholds ideals of class free opportunities and potentials. Place no tiers on access to the Internet.

—Virginia DeBolt, Albuquerque, NM

The internet has become our collective library. It should be open and free for all to use and access any time 24/7. The idea, that there can be a fee structure for this collective entity, for a few, by a few, is wrong. We have all built it, we must retain the right to all access it. I personally have worked hard for most of my life making this a rich place for people to learn and grow. Abandon your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It would be short-sighted to do less. We need access to solve the pressing issues of our world today. All minds making contributions and observations/decisions, not just a few, need to work on these issues.

—Andrea Metz, Grand Junction, CO

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kara Hamilton, Kettering, OH

Dear FCC, Ending Net Neutrality would be one of the most terrible decisions you could make. I already receive poor-quality Internet service from the only provider available in my area. I can't afford to pay more to access what should be equally available to all. Nor should anyone else have to do that, regardless of their online content or use. Please throw out the FCC's proposed Internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protecting real Net Neutrality is vital for our future! Thank you.

—Malia Cordel, NEW PALTZ, NY

Mr. Wheeler: I will keep this short, but I want you to reconsider your stance to have a two tier plan regarding internet providers. This country is built on competition and your plan would violate this precedent. As I Cox Communications customer, I know their lack of competition has let to nearly annual price increases and allowed them to break my two-year rate freeze for my agreement to sign up for 24 months. Thank you,

—Tom Gradoville, L.P., AZ

Net Neutrality is a necessity to all citizens. No one needs to be treated any differently on the internet. We all use the same information superhighway

—Samantha O'Connor, Jasonville, IN

Giving communication (speech) preferences to the rich is not what the forefathers intended.

—Jim Ingram, Kettering, OH

As a college professor, I know the importance of "net neutrality". It's essential for free speech. It's essential for critical thinking. It's essential for anyone who wants access to thorough and accurate information, and for teaching the critical thinking skills necessary for determining which information is reliable and which is not. Wealth should not determine which sites get read, whose speech gets heard, which information is presented as truth.

—Dr. Kelly Kraemer, Saint Cloud, MN

We do not need to promote class distinctions among internet users. If we do it will add further divisions and lack of harmony within the American society. The answer is simple: retain net neutrality!

—Charles R. McCarthy, Richmond, VA

I think the principles of net neutrality and an open free net are very important. Maintain a neutral platform that encourages experimentation and equity for every single user of the Internet

—Pete Brackenbury, New York, NY

As a university professor, I use the internet extensively for teaching, research, and writing. I teach my students how to critically evaluate the content of various sites and how to examine the claims people, organizations, or corporations make, and to investigate and evaluate the evidence for these claims. I use many academic and non-profit sites in this work. It is my understanding that these sites will be harmed under the plan that the FCC is considering. I strongly urge the FCC to reject this plan and protect the rights of the US public and of all sites to have an equal chance to be viewed. For democracy and for the benefit of the public, the FCC should maintain net neutrality and make sure that there will be no discrimination on the internet. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. There should be no two-tiered system where a few companies can determine what content and applications are most easily available to the public. The FCC has a responsibility to the US public first and should represent OUR interests not the narrow interests of a few corporations!

—Dr. Julie Andrzejewski, St. Cloud, MN

The net should be free and equally accessible by all.

—Ms. Tanya Baldwin, Kettering, OH

Net Neutrality means an even playing field and equal rights on the internet, something that means a lot to me. Thanks you!

—Kelsi Ricks, Leominster, MA

Please side with the open internet and people and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Sterling Stokes, Gainesville, FL

Please reconsider you plan as it will undoubtedly adversely affect small companies that cannot afford to pay the "toll" that the incumbent, entrenched companies will pay for prioritizing their traffic.

—Michael Hall, Brampton,

Tell the big corporate ISPs such as Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, and Time Warner to keep their little greedy hands off the internet. YOUR PISSING ME AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OFF BY LETTING NET NEUTRALITY DISAPPEAR!!!!

—Albert Leatherwood, Stephenville, TX

I urge the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't be on the wrong side of history.

—Zach Ganschow, Boise, ID

1. Internet Users Should Get What They Want, When They Want It The Internet should be free from censorship, discrimination and anticompetitive behavior, protected by simple and enforceable rules that ensure a consumer's equal access to the content they want. 2. Internet Users Should Get What They Pay For Broadband subscribers should get the bandwidth they are paying for – content should be treated equally, without degradations in speed or quality. No artificial slow lanes. 3. All Networks Should Have Equal Protection No matter how users choose to connect to the Internet, net neutrality rules should apply universally on both wireless and wireline networks.

—Robyn L. Class, Orange, CA

Maintain internet neutrality. Companies such as comcast, at&t and verizon already have too much control over the speed and accessibility of the net. Most of the rest of the world has significantly faster internet speeds at much lower costs to customers. Please don't allow these companies to continue, and strengthen their monopoly on the US internet.

—Paul Harrison, Salt Lake City,, UT

We must keep the internet Free ~ As Neil Young says, Freedom Rocks!

—Jim Glover, Brandon, FL

Allowing these changes would be directly helping companies in becoming monopolies and creating class warfare. It is outrageous that the FCC has considered such. Do not gut Net Neutrality.

—Mr. Garc, Ocoee, FL

Democracy can only flourish in a free exchange. Please keep net neutrality.

—Nancy Helvey, Twin Falls, ID

Hello, If I could have a moment. I really would appreciate it if you upheld the law of Net Neutrality. The Internet is a big thing for those of us who have no ways or means of voicing our opinions out in the open freely without facing discrimination. We have a right to the 1st Amendment. I personally feel your proposed law favors the rich and is nothing but a way to oppress those that don't hold those standards. Thank you in advance.

—Sameerah Rhodes, Newark, NJ

This is an utterly ridiculous plan...

—Errol Larkins@hotmail.com, Stafford, TX

Dear FCC, I grew up on the internet. I've learned so much about things I would otherwise have never heard of in my isolated town. To me, the internet is about freedom, progress, and giving. Websites like wikipedia, youtube, and reddit are all thriving communities of people giving up their time and energy to make something that would last, that would be of some value - no matter how little - to somebody else, somewhere in the world. ISPs are not creating fast lanes. They are not providing any additional services. The providers should not be able to artificially raise the prices by artificially slowing down other people's internet. They should not expect more money from providing what they are paid to provide. ISPs should not have government support to cheat their customers. To this generation, and all future generations, the internet is an essential resource. The internet is information, it is knowledge, and it is opportunity. In the future, it will undeniably be deemed as a public utility. Thus, ISPs have a responsibility to provide indiscriminately, and the government has a responsibility to enforce net neutrality. Thank you for your time.

—Kim, Carmel, IN

We tried. I realize that the majority of Americans are too ignorant or "busy" to understand what is happening here, but we tried to tell them. It's your turn to try. Be a real leader. We now live in a nation where the president can rightfully declare that the income gap is the greatest challenge of our time, and then back down when the .07%'s media attack dogs convince people that the president is taking part in class warfare; a class warfare that the .07% started a long time ago. We ALL know what this about. This is about Comcast, Time Warner, and the major networks obtaining the legal right to defeat competition without using consumer demand as the battlefield. They want to use you as a weapon to allow them to price gouge and gate-keep. They don't want services coming around and providing a better service for less. That would be fair competition. That wouldn't allow them to extract as much as they can out of America's consumers. That would open the door for someone else to make millions. Without the highway system paid for and regulated by the government, this economy would never have taken off the way it did. That is a fact of life. Without enforcing total neutrality and the competitiveness of a neutral market, the internet economy will stagnate. That is a fact of life. Do the right thing, Tom. Do you believe in freedom, or do you believe in "freedom until you read the fine print?" Re-classify the internet. Give the power to the consumer. That's capitalism. That's fair. You know that.

—Brett Dill, Menasha, WI

Represent the Rights of All Americans and NOT THE CORPORATIONS!!! KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN FOR EVERYONE EQUALLY!!! YOU ARE EMPLOYED BY THE AVERAGE WORKING CLASS AMERICAN NOT COMCAST OR AT&T OR VERIZON OR SPRINT!!! VOTE FOR NET NEUTRALITY YOU FASCISTS THROW OUT ITS RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS

—George Coffey, chicago, IL

Dear Spineless and Corrupt Colluders, We put quite enough money in ISP pockets as it is, for unremarkable, un beholden-to-the-customer service. Shame on you for directing more gravy their way. The Internet is critical, worldwide, democratic infrastructure, with absolutely no place for intrinsic infrastructure discrimination against users and content. There are countless details we could argue, but the reality is simple: all arguments to give companies control over content and access, subtly or not, are wrong. If you ask your inner voice, way deep down inside, buried by decades of corruption, you'll know this is true. The question is: are you honest enough with yourself to do the right thing for the right reason, just once? Especially when it's what the populace wants? This, after all, is your job. I know you will screw The People over, talking yourself into the belief that your shameless plan is "helping" us (money corrupts). So, prepare to face the music of an extremely unhappy electorate. You'll probably get away with it, as you realize - but not if we can help it. -jar

—John Richetta, Waltham, MA

Dear FCC, Do not implement a two tier system with "fast lanes". Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kyle Schwab, Boise, ID

Please listen to the voices of the public, the people who you are supposed to serve and protect their rights. We have spoken and want ISP's classified as common carriers.

—Matt M, Meridian, ID

I do NOT support the proposed FCC rules that Mr. Wheeler is pushing. I agree with thousands, millions, that instead of such rules, ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers and that all networks must have equal protection. I agree that this is the ONLY way to protect real net neutrality.

—Ross Lockridge III, Cerrillos, NM

Your rules regarding ISPs are outrageous. They should be reclassified as common carriers. You should protect Net Neutrality.

—Ruth Imershein, McLean, VA

Letting ISPs create a system that allows a fast lane for those who can afford it Slower lanes for those who can't is unfair. Please protect consumers by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Jerry Mylin, Mount Prospect, IL

Please preserve net neutrality because without it, our small business will die, and any economist will tell you that small business is the cornerstone to our economy. So, what looks like something lucrative to you now will just end up hurting all of us in the long run. Also, I want to be in charge of what I am able to find and read online- not Walmart or Amazon because they have paid for their stories to get top billing. I could go on and on about this, but I am begging you to do the right thing and PRESERVE NET NUTRALITY!

—Amy Abbott, Middletown, OH

A free and open internet is a free and open society. If you let huge corporate interests regulate who gets free and open we are all doomed.

—Sue Sorem, Renton, WA

Net neutrality is absolutely essential. We don't want or need different speeds and different access. The internet isn't just a business that you can control or take money from.

—William Abbott, Middletown, OH

Net neutrality is important in this day and age because so many people rely in the Internet. To increase prices in such hard economical times is shameful, just to fill a few people's pockets. I support this movement so that people can continue to use the Internet freely.

—Kellie Duval, Wilmington, NC

Dear FCC: It is imperative that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers . Not only for myself but for others who are on a fixed income, who as U.S. Citizens deserve a level playing field. What happened to equal protection under the law. I need to access the internet on the same terms as others who have larger incomes than I do; in the name of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

—Arlene Garcia, McAllen, TX

Letting cable companies control access to the Internet is like paper companies dictating what can and cannot be printed on the paper they sell.

—Nathan Fritz, davenport, IA

We are being squeezed by more corporate interests than we can keep track of, and now you want to stratify the internet based on how much more we're willing to spend? You want to hand control over to companies whose only motive is profit? Preserve Net Neutrality in its current form!

—Jay Berner, Beverly, MA

These comments are in response to proceeding #14-28. Free speech should not be bought and sold. The proposal to grant ISPs the right to charge for 'fast lanes' threatens this celebrated American principle. The company that connects us to the internet should not get to manipulate or control what we do on the internet. I'm calling on you to reclassify the Internet as a telecommunications service to obligate ISPs to deliver all data on the Internet without discrimination. Please do the right thing: let corporations know that the Internet is not for sale to the highest bidder. Thank you for preserving a free and open Internet.

—Michael Harper, Pittsburgh, PA

Your job is to protect the interests of the public, not the corporations. Please preserve net neutrality.

—Brian Taylor, Dayton, OH

Net Neutrality is essential to maintaining democracy.

—Hazel Witte, Bremerton, WA

you are violating the constitutional amendments everyone is not to be discriminated against

—Rob Delesbore, Port Arthur, TX

Dear FCC, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, net neutrality is important to not only prevent monopolies in entertainment systems, but to keep the internet as it was, with an equal chance for everyone to succeed or fail based on quality of their service

—Matthew Lange, Houston, TX

An open internet is the only source of information for the majority. We cannot afford to pay a tiered system which is what will happen if Net Neutrality is not protected.

—Pete Russell, Port St. Lucie, FL

A class based system of access to public airwaves effectively privatizes a collective good. It is anti-democratic and exacerbates the already difficult time low-income people have getting any kind of internet access. Please preserve net neutrality.

—Mr. Jack Tilney, San Francisco, CA

Justice for all, equal access, fairness. Yes to the average human being and no to for profit corporations. No "two-tiered Internet". Do the right thing this time. Thanks...you really need to pay attention to what the average internet user wants and needs.

—Bruce McKalson, Paradise, CA

Do what is right this time. Stand up for citizens rather than corporations!

—Sean M, Washington, DC